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For: **AMPLIFIED CANCER GENE HEPSIN**

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This paper responds to the non-final Office Action mailed December 8, 2004. Please charge the fee for a one-month extension of time and any other fee which may be due to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Claims 1-12 and 14-43 are pending. Claims 1-3, 9-12, 14, 22-24, 33-35, and 39 are rejected. Claims 4-8, 15-21, 25-32, and 36-38 are withdrawn. Claims 40-43 are objected to.

Please enter the following amendments.